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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

On February 12th, 1809, Nancy Hanks Lincoln expressed her gratification that her newborn baby was a boy. Little did Nancy Lincoln dream on that day in Hardin County, Kentucky, that she had given birth to a man who would become one of the most famous of all Americans.

Lincoln's first American ancestry came from Norwich, England, and settled in Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1638. He was Samuel Lincoln, and his descendants migrated to the West and South, moving to such states as Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. Abraham Lincoln's early life was not an easy one. After his birth in Kentucky, where he lived in various towns, he moved to Spencer County, Indiana, and then later to Illinois. Lincoln worked as a farm laborer and served as a volunteer in the Black Hawk Indian War. He also went into business as partner in a general store, but when this business adventure failed, he was heavily in debt. Turning to politics, he was elected to the State Legislature at the age of twenty-five, after having served as postmaster in New Salem, Illinois. In 1839, when the capital of Illinois was moved to Springfield, he moved there and opened a law office. In 1846, he was in Washington, and, in 1858, he was nominated to run against Stephen A. Douglas, the Democratic candidate for the Senate. When he lost that race, he decided to retire, but he had made such an impression on people of the country that his fame grew rather than diminished, and, in 1860, he was nominated for the Presidency at the Republican Convention in Chicago in May. Because the Democratic Party split and named two candidates, Lincoln was elected and he took office in March of 1861.

Almost immediately, he was plunged into the work of leading the Union during a great war. When the war finally ended, in 1865, Lincoln was an aged man. Many believe that it was a great tragedy to the entire country, that the President was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth as he sat in Ford's Theatre, watching a play. Lincoln died the next morning. What would have been the fate of the South had Lincoln lived, is guesswork, but many hold that somehow he would have established a policy not so severe and costly as the Reconstruction.

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HOLDING THE LINE

Both President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have made it clear that they will be willing to engage in talks with Soviet leaders, but that they would not give up their rights or retreat "a single inch" on our international rights and responsibilities.

This is not saying that the United States will not compromise some of the disagreements which plague relations between the Communist world and the democratic world. But it means that it will not retreat on our rights or responsibilities. There are two different things.

Secretary of State Dulles went further. He said that if the United States engages in talks with the Soviet Union, three subjects should be discussed, and they are all interrelated. They are the Berlin situation, the question of Germany's future, and the problem of European security.

It is becoming increasingly clear that the Russian proposals on Berlin were designed to force an East-West conference. Moreover, there is good reason to believe that Soviet Deputy Premier Anatastas I. Mikoyan was led to believe there was a split in American public sentiment on Berlin. The criticism of the Administration's policy, and varying opinions, are always confusing to the foreigner, who is not accustomed to such freedom. Quite often the foreign dignatary makes the mistake of assuming there is a basic split, and that the people would not support the Washington government, in a crisis, on the question involved.

This is a fatal error, and it has often been made concerning both Washington and London policy and the people of the United States and England. When it comes to a showdown on the issue, the people of this country will back their government, despite differences which might exist among them.

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IKE AND WARREN

Persistent reports continue to reach the front pages concerning a possible coolness between Chief Justice Earl Warren and President Dwight Eisenhower. The reports have gone so far as to be printed in the major newspapers in the country, and President Eisenhower felt constrained to deny them in a recent press conference.

Nevertheless, these reports have been making the rounds for a year now, and the latest charge — that there was a distinct coolness between the two men — came from a writer who had written a book about the Eisenhower Administration in 1956. At that time his publishers claimed he had had access to secret White House papers.

It should be remembered, of course, that the appointment of Warren to the Supreme Court was said to have been a political pay-off, which evened matters as far as Eisenhower's acquisition of California's delegates at the 1952 Republican national convention is concerned. Mr. Eisenhower never engages in public feuds with anyone, but it could be that he and the Chief Justice are far apart on certain issues.

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The wife who snatches her husband's pay check, can hardly expect the old fellow to continue to say it with flowers and candy.

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After hundreds of years of proof to the contrary, some mothers and fathers still think they can best choose a mate for junior.

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Then, there are the people who want you to do something for them that they can well do for themselves.

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The person who loses a hundred dollars in a game of chance will squawk to high heaven over a few dollars in taxes.

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Public Notice: The Editor has no money to lend!

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Not all the comic characters are to be found in the comic books.

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The main business of every citizen of Appomattox County is to improve the community by improving himself. That's the only way it can be done.

Washington Notes

Draft Extension

The Administration's plan for a four-year extension of the draft law got a potent push in Congress recently.

Chairman Carl Vinson (D.-Ga.) told his House Armed Services Committee: "We have no choice . . but to extend the draft." Without the forceful inducement, he said ,military ranks would be emptied far below the needed strength.

Vinson's remarks were prepared for for the start of hearings on the Administration bill to keep the Selective Service Act in effect until July 1, 1963.

Moonshot in February?

Another United States moonshot try is in the works for the latter part of February.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Army hope to blast off an Army Juno rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., and send its pay load past the moon into orbit around the sun some time during the period beginning February 26. At that time the moon is in its monthly swing around the earth, and will be at its closest point for a period of about six days.

Trujillo Gets Jets

The State Department is understood to have given a Canadian firm permission to ship twelve jet fighter planes across the United States on their way to the Dominican Republic.

Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo is reported buying the jets to bolster his Dominican Air Force in the wake of the revolution in Cuba.

Farm Price Supports

President Eisenhower has asked Congress to plow under the present price support and production control programs of American agriculture.

Eisenhower ,in saying "the control program doesn't control" offered wheat as an exampie.

Cost of Living Down

Living costs dipped two tenths of 1 per cent in December — their first decline since August.

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This year, the light-, medium- and heavy-duty trucks of the 1959 Chevrolet Task-Force fleet are out to whip *anything* that comes their way—and they've got what it takes to do it!

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ergreen, Feb. 10.- Melvin Garturned home from the hospital day, much improved.

. O. C. Paulette visited Mrs. M. Southall and Mrs. Elizabeth son last week.

. Z .V. Harvey visited Mrs. Wooldridge and Mrs. D. A. r Sunday P. M.

and Mrs .Albert Harvey are proud parents of twin boys, born week at a Lynchburg hospital.

Sammie Warriner, the son s. and Mrs. Roy Warriner, is a t at the hospital ,with pneu-

. and Mrs. Albert Wright, of ston, Va., and Miss Wanda Kay d, of Richmond, spent the k-end with Mr. A. A. LeGrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw and family and Mr. and Mrs. W .C. Garrett visited Mr. and Mrs. Woodall, of Lynchburg Sunday P. M.

Mrs. R .J. Paulette is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Paulette and family at Red House.

Mrs. S .R. Paulette visited relatives at Victoria Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Eva Snowden, at Fort Royal, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J .E. Paulette and family visited Mrs. O. C. Paulette Sunday P. M.

Vera

Vera, Feb. 9.- "Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth." -Col. 3:2.

Cold weather continues. I hope for better weather soon.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr .and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Friday night.

Valentine Day will soon be here. It is much enjoyed by the young people.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T .C. Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson and Sylvia, and Mr. J .P .Harvey, of Lynchburg.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L .H. Watson on Sunday were Rev .Elder and family, pastor of Hollywood Church.

Lieut. L. H. Watson, Jr., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Sr., over the week-end.

Mrs. Maude Abbitt continues ill. Mr. J. P. Harvey, of Lynchburg, called to see her Saturday.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette and Mrs. Richard Carson and Sylvia visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett on Sunday.

Pasternak Tour?

London.- Boris Pasternak, the Russian author called a traitor by Soviet authories after winning the Nobel prize for literature, reportedly now is willing to make a six-week lecture tour of the United States and Britain.

Jose Vilallong, noted Spanish author, and Prof. Philip Hallie, of Vandenbilt University, are seeking to arrange the tour.

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God and Neighbor

Lesson for February 15, 1959

SUPPOSE the world had grown so wicked that you could not find any one who could be guaranteed to keep more than one of the Ten Commandments? And suppose you wanted to be married? Which commandment would you feel your future wife or husband simply must keep, regardless? If you can answer that question, you have answered another question. What, for you, is the most important commandment in the law of God? It is a very old question. Teachers of the Law used to debate it at length. Jesus himself was once asked the question directly: "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Dr. Foreman

My God, My Neighbor, Myself

Jesus did not answer the question by quoting a single one of the "Ten Commandments." He quoted two verses from parts of the Old Testament which to us are less familiar. First from Deuteronomy 6:4,5; and second from Leviticus 19:18. (The reader might well look these up and mark them in his Bible; for if Jesus could be said ever to have boiled down the whole Old Testament into two sentences, these are the two.) One command unites the two: LOVE. Jesus did not, of course, mean to say anything so absurd as that a simple command can produce love. The sergeant can say, One, two, three. March! The music teacher can say One, two, three, Play! The lion tamer can say, One, two, three. Jump! But not even God says, One, two, three, Love! Human beings are not made that way, and no one knows it better than the God who made us.

What Jesus did mean is that this is what God requires of us, nothing less. We cannot fulfill his other commands till we have made an honest effort at this one.

Jesus' selection of these two commandments shows also the mistake of taking either of them separately. There are those who do not understand what loving God means, and so try to make up for it by loving people. But how is it possible to love people, who are God's children, and at the same time ignore their heavenly Father? Also there are those who are so much impressed by the greatness of God and the littleness of man, the holiness of God and the sinful follies of man, that they give up loving human beings and lavish all their affection on God above. These need Saint John's reminder: How can a man love God, whom he has not seen, if he does not love human beings, whom he has seen? Then there are the numerous people who love only themselves, period; and by contrast the people who believe we should never love ourselves. (This overlooks the point—love thy neighbor AS thyself. If love of oneself is sinful, so is love of neighbor!) The true ideal is not any one of these with the others left out; but all these three—love (which is to say, concern for the good and the welfare) of God, our neighbors, ourselves.

How This Works

From the numberless applications of this central law of God, let us select one which is appropriate to Temperance Sunday. Here is a problem: What should be a Christian's attitude to alcoholic liquors? Suppose a man tries to answer that question on the basis of love to himself alone? Then his question will be simply: Is this going to do ME any harm? If the answer is No (if—!) then he may proceed to drink like a fish. But suppose he tries to solve his problem on the basis of love to God alone; then he may ask, Is the alcoholic content of my blood, high or low, going to hurt GOD? Well, he thinks, of course not (though he is mistaken); so he again may proceed to drink like a fish. But suppose he opens his eyes wide enough to take in his neighbor;—his children, his family, others who have weaker will-power than himself, those who look to him as an example, those who will be affected by the clearness or fuzziness of his mind as he makes decisions . . . then he will look at his drinking habits in quite a different light. No man lives on an island alone; and Christian love keeps that fact always bright in the mind.

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NEWS FOR VETERANS

Three new steps to help disabled veterans made a smoother and quicker comeback to productive employment were announced by the Veterans Administration.

One step gives disabled veterans a "head start" toward rehabilitation by allowing them to begin vocational training under the VA's program for the disabled while they are still patients in VA hospitals.

But they must be well enough along in their hospital treatment to be able to leave the hospital part of the day to attend school or a training establishment, VA said. Before this, disabled veterans generally had to be out of the hospital before they could begin their rehabilitation training.

Another new step now allows veterans to start vocational rehabilitation training even if they can't complete it by the termination date for training established by the law. However, arrangements must be made for some agency other than the VA—such as a State Rehabilitation Agency — to pick up where VA has to leave off. Formerly, veterans could take only those courses they could complete by the termination date.

The termination date for disabled Korea veterans who left the service before August 20, 1954, is August 20, 1963. The date for those who left service after August 20, 1954, is nine years from separation or January 31, 1964, whichever comes first. In some instances, these dates can be extended.

Only a few World War II disabled still are eligible for vocational rehabilitation, and their terminal date is July 25, 1960.

VA's third new step now permits VA to give job-finding assistance as well as personal counseling to disabled veterans after they have completed their vocational training —if they can't find employment or if there's some personality difficulty standing in their way of getting and holding a job. Previously, VA counseling was given only before a veteral started his training, or while he was in training.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Where does today's weather go tomorrow? Where was it yesterday?

Today's weather will probably be several hundred miles to the east tomorrow. This is not an entirely accurate picture of the movement of weather across the earth, but is a general truth.

Weather moves across the United States from west to east five to six hundred miles a day — on an average. Thus, the barometer reading (height of the layer of gas overhead) in this area today will likely be 600 miles east tomorrow.

Likewise, the layer of gas above us today was probably about the same distance to the west, or north west or southwest yesterday. The moisture content, wind velocity and other factors change, but usually the weather overhead is recognizable when compared to yesterday —600 miles westward.

ARTIFICIAL CHICK NOW CAN CONTROL INFRARED BROODER

Infrared lamps in brooder houses have been used in Virginia for several years, Now U. S. Department of Agriculture researchers have come up with a small globe-like gadget that reacts to temperature just like a baby chick.

Moreover, the invention is designed to control infrared lamp temperatures. The artificial chick is a four-inch black globe, giving off heat just like the real thing. An electrical resistance element inside the globe can control electrical current.

So far , the artificial chick isn't recommended for the owner of a small outfit. But since a single unit can control several infrared brooders, it is believed that the device will be of benefit to larger operators.

Only 4 More Vanguards

The United States is closing out its Vanguard satellite program after four more launchings, in favor of "bigger and newer things."

Just what is planned wasn't specified by Homer J. Stewart, director of program planning and evaluations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

U. S. Files Protest

The United States has protested to West Germany against the imposition of a new tariff on imports of coal from the United States.

This was disclosed by the State Department in the wake of objections here to a duty of $4.76 a ton imposed by West Germany.

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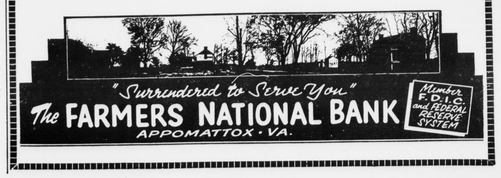

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